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- Communication Requesting Withdrawal of Notification of Abandonment
- Exhibits 1-6
- Notification of Abandonment
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December 16, 2004
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: ROGMANN ET AL. Examiner: UNKNOWN
Serial No.: 10/518,672 Group Art Unit: UNKNOWN
Filed: DECEMBER 16, 2004 Docket No.: 1997USWO
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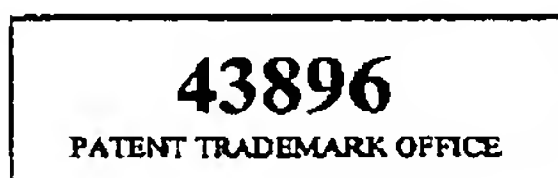
This Communication is being submitted in response to the Notification of Abandonment mailed May 2, 2006. The Notification of Abandonment states that the above-identified patent application was abandoned because the applicants "Failed to respond to notice of missing part, 905 mailed 6/28/05".

Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the Notification of Abandonment.

Attached hereto are Exhibit 1, a copy of the Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney that was filed via Express Mail on January 11, 2005 with Express Mail No. EV320427887US; Exhibit 2, a copy of the Transmittal Sheet; Exhibit 3, a copy of the Communication regarding Missing Parts; Exhibit 4, a copy of the Express Mail Customer Copy; Exhibit 5, a copy of the check for the amount of \$130.00 being the fee for the Missing Requirements; and Exhibit 6, a copy of the stamped returned postcard. Applicants note that the date stamp on returned postcard is wrong. It is dated July 10, 2004 when the documents were sent on January 11, 2005.

The attached documents show that a timely response was filed with respect to the above-referenced application. Accordingly, the Patent Office is respectfully requested to withdraw the Notification of Abandonment and resume prosecution of this application.

If a telephone conference would be helpful in resolving this matter, the undersigned attorney can be reached at (651)-795-5661.



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EXHIBIT 1

Attorney Docket No.: 1997USWO

United States Patent Application

COMBINED DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY

As a below named inventor hereby declare that: my residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name; that

I verily believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or a joint inventor (if plural inventors are named below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled: FLOOR CLEANING AND CARE COMPOSITIONS

The specification of which

- a. ☐ is attached hereto
b. ☒ was filed on _____ as application serial no. _____ and was amended on _____ (if applicable) (in the case of a PCT-filed application) described and claimed in international no. PCT/EP03/006497 filed June 20, 2003 and as amended on _____ (if any), which I have reviewed and for which I solicit a United States patent.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, §119/365 of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the Application on the basis of which priority is claimed:

- a. ☐ no such applications have been filed.
b. ☒ such applications have been filed as follows:

FOREIGN APPLICATION(S), IF ANY, CLAIMING PRIORITY UNDER 35 USC § 119			
COUNTRY	APPLICATION NUMBER	DATE OF FILING (day, month, year)	DATE OF ISSUE (day, month, year)
Germany	102 29 421.6	29 June, 2002	
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I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, § 120/365 of any United States and PCT international application(s) listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, § 112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose material information as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56(a) which occurred between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application.

U.S APPLICATION NUMBER	DATE OF FILING (day, month, year)	STATUS (patented, pending, abandoned)
PCT/EP03/006497	20 June, 2003	Pending

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I acknowledge the duty to disclose information that is material to the patentability of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56 (reprinted below):

Attorney Docket No.: 1997USWO

§ 1.56 Duty to disclose information material to patentability.

(a) A patent by its very nature is affected with a public interest. The public interest is best served, and the most effective patent examination occurs when, at the time an application is being examined, the Office is aware of and evaluates the teachings of all information material to patentability. Each individual associated with the filing and prosecution of a patent application has a duty of candor and good faith in dealing with the Office, which includes a duty to disclose to the Office all information known to that individual to be material to patentability as defined in this section. The duty to disclose information exists with respect to each pending claim until the claim is canceled or withdrawn from consideration, or the application becomes abandoned. Information material to the patentability of a claim that is canceled or withdrawn from consideration need not be submitted if the information is not material to the patentability of any claim remaining under consideration in the application. There is no duty to submit information which is not material to the patentability of any existing claim. The duty to disclose all information known to be material to patentability is deemed to be satisfied if all information known to be material to patentability of any claim issued in a patent was cited by the Office or submitted to the Office in the manner prescribed by §§ 1.97(b)-(d) and 1.98. However, no patent will be granted on an application in connection with which fraud on the Office was practiced or attempted or the duty of disclosure was violated through bad faith or intentional misconduct. The Office encourages applicants to carefully examine:

(1) Prior art cited in search reports of a foreign patent office in a counterpart application, and

(2) The closest information over which individuals associated with the filing or prosecution of a patent application believe any pending claim patentably defines; to make sure that any material information contained therein is disclosed to the Office.

(b) Under this section, information is material to patentability when it is not cumulative to information already of record or being made of record in the application, and

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(2) It refutes, or is inconsistent with, a position the applicant takes in:

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(d) Individuals other than the attorney, agent or inventor may comply with this section by disclosing information to the attorney, agent, or inventor.

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Attorney Docket No.: 1997USWO

I hereby appoint the following attorneys and/or patent agents to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office:

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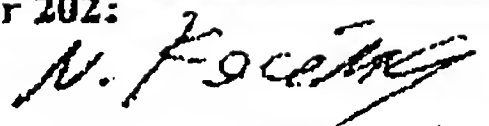
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Please direct all correspondence in this case to Andrew D. Sorensen at the address indicated below:

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I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the Application or any patent issuing thereon.

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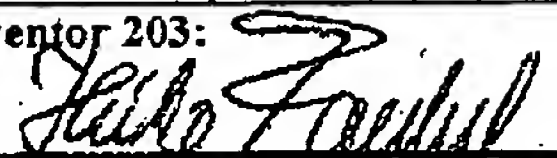
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Serial No.:	10/518,672	Group Art Unit:	UNKNOWN
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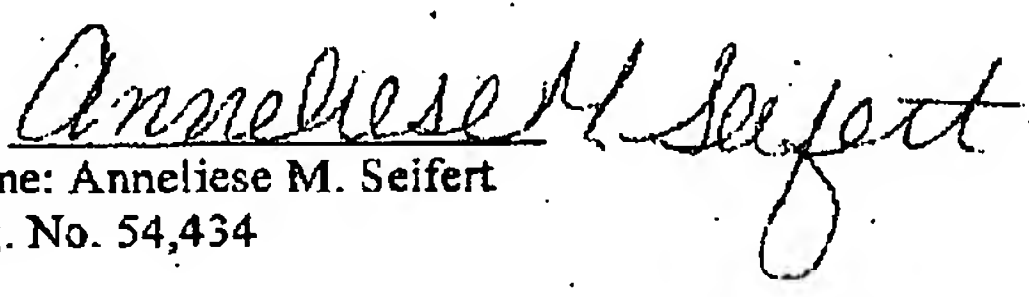
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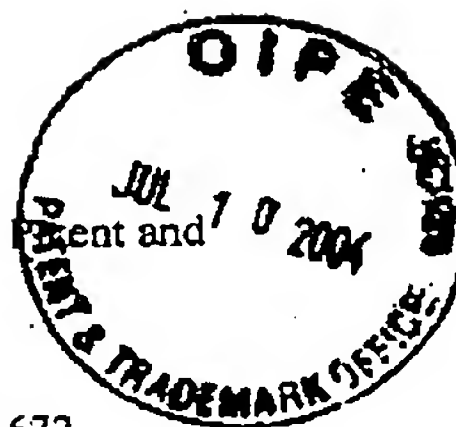
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- Failed to respond to notice of missing part, 905 mailed 6/28/05

Therefore, the above identified application failed to meet the requirements of 35 U.S.C. 371 and 37 CFR 1.495, and is ABANDONED AS TO THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

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